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METHODS FOR DIAGNOSING
ENDOMETRIOSIS-RELATED DISEASES : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

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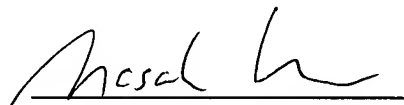
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2. That we are also the authors of the reference, Oikawa et al. (J. Pathol., Vol. 199, No. 3, pp. 318-323, 2003) cited by the Examiner in the Office Action of April 19, 2007.
3. That our co-authors on the paper, Akemi Kameta, Keiichi Isaka, Masaomi Takayama and Kiyoshi Mukai, are not inventors of the invention described and claimed in this application. Our co-authors were merely working under our direction and control.

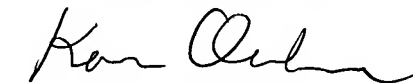
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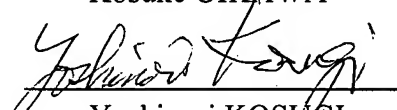
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